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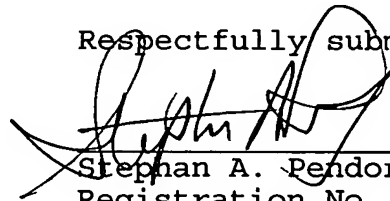
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REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The Examiner is requested to accept the marked-up version as it is based on the previous version, which when modified as below, produces the clean version submitted with the current amendment.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel original Claims 1-13.

Please cancel substitute Claim 1-12 (IPER/AU).

Please add the following new Claims 14-25:

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- 14. An anchoring system for portable barricades or barriers, comprising a base portion having an outer housing of a rigid or semi-rigid material defining a cavity space therein adapted to contain a fluidic ballasting material, said base portion having a preformed raised central region adapted to straddle a part of a portable barricade support frame or trestle cross-bar to prevent or to restrict relative movement of said support frame or trestle, said base portion having an upper surface adapted to receive an upwardly vertically-extending post member, which is attached to said base portion.
15. An anchoring system for portable barricades or barriers according to claim 14, wherein the base portion comprises a truncated inverted v-shaped vessel having a fluid-fillable cavity space therein adapted to contain a quantity of a fluid material to provide variable anchorage weight to said anchoring system.

16. An anchoring system according to claim 14, further comprising a said upwardly vertically extending post member attachable to said base portion.
17. An anchoring system according to claim 16, wherein the post member is attachable to the base portion by means of an interlocking bayonet coupling between component parts of the base portion and the post member.
18. A portable bollard or stanchion, comprising a base portion having an outer housing of a rigid or semi-rigid material, defining a cavity space therein adapted to contain a fluidic ballasting material, and an upwardly vertically extending post member attachable to said base portion, wherein said base portion has a raised central region adapted to straddle a part of a portable barricade support frame or trestle cross-bar.
19. A portable bollard or stanchion according to claim 18, wherein said base portion comprises a truncated inverted v-shaped vessel having a fluid-fillable cavity-space therein adapted to contain a quantity of a fluid material to provide viable anchorage weight to said portable bollard or stanchion.
20. A portable bollard or stanchion according to claim 18, wherein the post member is attachable to the base portion by means of an interlocking bayonet coupling between component parts of the base portion and the post member.

21. A portable bollard or stanchion according to claim 18, wherein the upper end of the post member incorporates or includes light emitting means.
22. .A portable bollard or stanchion according to claim 21, wherein the light emitting means is a solar powered rechargeable light source, optionally including photoelectric cells means for automatic on/off switching between day and night.
23. A portable bollard or stanchion according to claim 18, including light reflecting means.
24. A portable bollard or stanchion according to claim 18, adapted to support rigid or flexible barrier or barricade means.
25. A portable bollard or stanchion according to claim 24, wherein an upper end of the post member is slotted to receive and support one or more elongated barrier boards.--